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FIRST 2009 RADIO TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION SYMPOSIUM NEXT
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The first of the 2009 Radio Technology in Action Symposiums will take place in Gauteng at th
The full programme is available on the web at www.sarl.org.za. Here are the highlights of th

Amateur Radio not your Granddaddy's radio. What will Amateur Radio of the future look like? Time-domain reflectometry (TDR) and Time-domain transmissometry (TDT). Step by step design of a 2 m low noise amplifier. HF Radio Technology in Space Physics Research. Make satellites your next stop in amateur radio. Practical application of Spread Spectrum Technology Including the building of a DSSS Transceiver. Shortwave Listening is it the forgotten hobby? Entry fee is only R30 per person. Learners and Students enter free of charge. The entry fee includes entry into the attendance draw. Bring your friends along. It is the annual SARL event not to miss. Early morning tea and coffee will be available at the NARC building. The Symposium is at the Sentech Conference Centre complex

NO SURPRISES IN ELECTION OF THE SARL COUNCIL

As only 12 persons were nominated for Council, there was no election. The outgoing council h
The following persons will serve for the coming year:

President: ZS1YT, Rassie Erasmus; Vice President: ZS4BS, Denis Green, Dennis is also Editor

AGM MOTIONS RESULTS

Motion 1, requesting expansion of reciprocal license agreements with more countries was carr
Motion 2, asking the SARL to develop a closer relationship with clubs was carried with only
Motion 3, proposing that non SARL members could also become members of Hamnet was carefully

MARGINAL INCREASES IN ANNUAL FEES The fees for a full member for the 2009/2010 financial year will be R340. If the fee is paid before 31 August an

early payment discount of R20 applies and members only pay R320. The fee for Senior Members will be R212 with an early payment discount of R12. If paid before 31 August the fee will be R200. Subscription accounts will be mailed towards the end of May. The web will be updated with all the other fees by the end of the weekend.

JOIN NOW AND GET MAY AND JUNE FREE

Non-members are invited to join now, pay the discounted 2009/2010 fee of R320 and get May and June free.

RAE CANDIDATES GET THE DETAILS

The examination numbers for the Radio Amateur Examinations are now available on the web at http://www.sarl.org.za/public/licences/rae_exam_numbers.asp.

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If you can't remember the URL go to www.sarl.org.za, click on licensing, then select Radio Amateur's Examinations and click on exam numbers.

ANOTHER DAY FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION ENTRIES

Entries for the SA Amateur Radio Development Trust Construction competition will be accepted until 26 May 2009.

CLUB NEWS

The Sandton ARC will be holding its next club technical meeting on Tuesday 26th May 2009 at 7:30 pm.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the expected solar activity will be very low. The geomagnetic index Kp is 1. The imminent change of season with less energy from the sun reaching the Southern ionosphere means that 10 MHz is looking promising late afternoon and after dark for the CW and digital enthusiasts. Local conditions are going to be good on 40 m during the day time. 80 m may perform well during the evening. 80 m is the frequency of choice in the evenings. Unfortunately the static noise levels are still high. Remember that this is only a prediction and that HF has the capability to pleasantly surprise. Please visit www.spaceweather.co.za for further information.

DIARY OF EVENTS

3 May - ZS3 Sprint; 4 May - Last day of acceptance of entries for the SARDT construction competition; 9 May - RTA at the NARC; 15 May - Closing date for SARDT award nominations; 26 May - Sandton ARC technical meeting.

SARL News invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and the public.

The SARL also invites you to listen to the Amateur Radio Mirror International programme every month.

You have listened to a bulletin of the South African Radio League, compiled by George, ZS6NLE.

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